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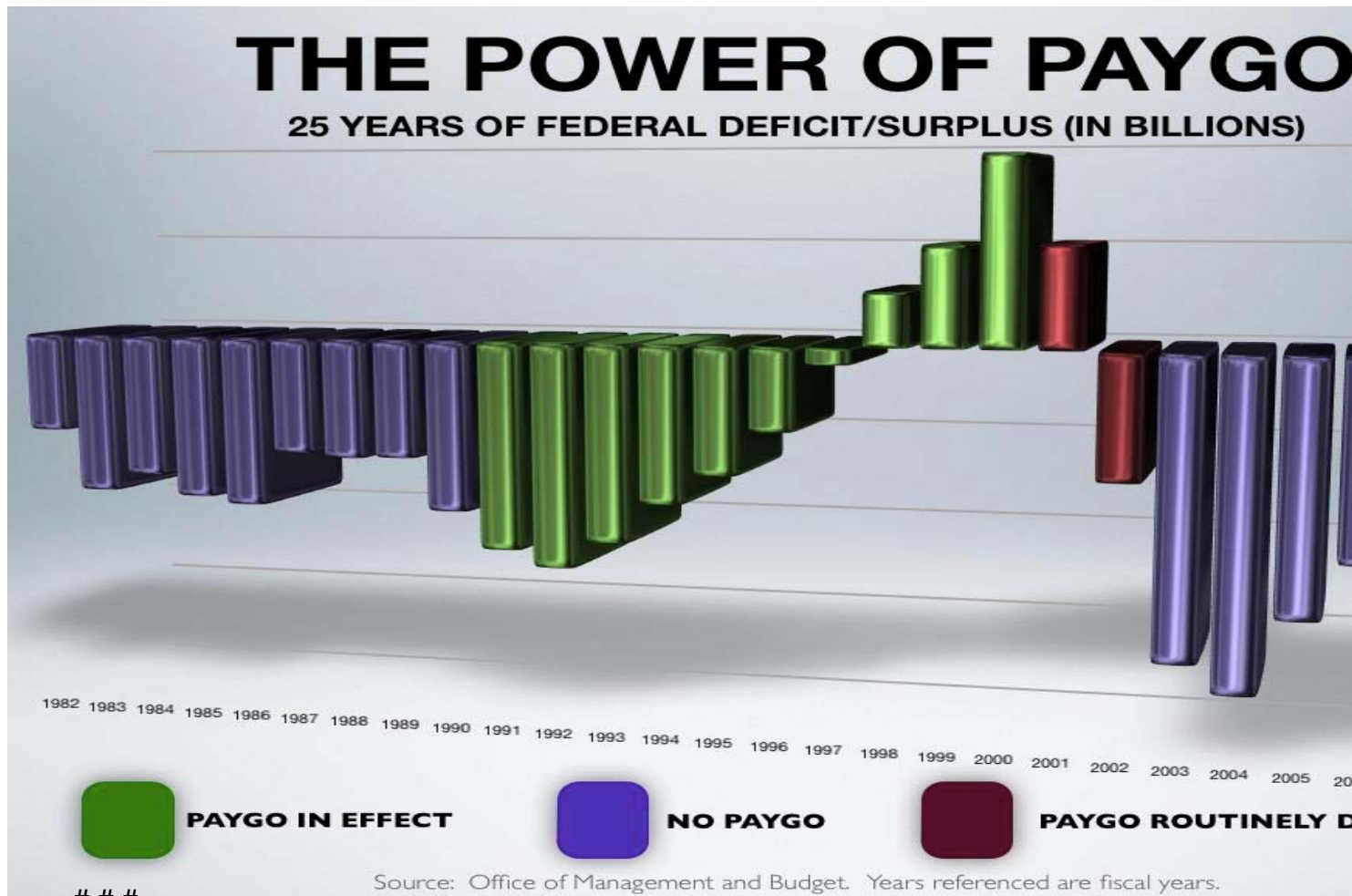
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**"When middle class families in Louisiana sit down at the kitchen table to balance their check books, they know they can't just spend more money without making sacrifices," said Congressman Melancon. "If Louisiana families can figure out how to live on a budget in these economic times, so should Washington.**

**"Out-of-control deficit spending is bad for our economy, bad for our national security, and bad for our country's future. Requiring Congress to pay for our priorities is a critical first step in chipping away at our national debt, and a huge victory for every American who is concerned about passing unpaid bills on to future generations."**

The fiscal discipline imposed by PAYGO in the 1990s was critical in taking the United States from deficits to surpluses. PAYGO requires Congress to pay for all new or increased nonemergency spending or tax cuts with savings elsewhere in the budget. The PAYGO legislation now goes to President Obama for his signature.

Since his election to the U.S. House, Congressman Melancon has worked with his colleagues in the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition to reinstate statutory PAYGO. Passing this proven budget enforcement tool into law has been a long-standing priority of the Blue Dogs since the previous PAYGO law was allowed to expire in 2002.



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